



McKinley mini-messenger

wednesday to wednesday April 20 - 27

TONIGHT!

PTA Meeting & Family Art Night - Auditorium/Cafeteria

Thurs. 4/21 8:30am

ELAC Meeting - Auditorium

4/20,27,28

Talent Show Rehearsals - Auditorium (check your e-mail for times)

Fri. 4/22

Earth Day

Sun. 4/24 9am - 1pm

McKinley School Beautification Day

Mon. 4/25

Volunteer Breakfast

4/26-28

5th Grade Students CMA Testing

Coming Up:

4/28 - Cold Stone Fundraiser

4/29 - McKinley Talent Show - Auditorium (after drop-off)

5/4-17 SBAC Testing Grades 3-5

Please be sure that your child comes to school each day and on time!
A good breakfast is highly recommended.

5/5 - Summer Camp Fair - Auditorium

5/6 - Parent Input Forms Due

Ahora!

Reunion del PTA Biblioteca y 6:30pm Noche Familiar de Arte -

Jue. 4/21 8:30am

Auditorio Reunion de ELAC - Auditorio

4/20, 27,28

Ensayos de Show de Talento - Auditorio

Vie. 4/22

Día de Nuestro Planeta

Dom. 4/24 9am - 1pm

Día de Embellecimiento de la Escuela

Lun. 4/25

Desayuno para Voluntarios

4/26-28

Exámenes CMA de 5° Grado

Acercándose:

4/28 - Recaudación de Fondos Cold Stone

4/29 - Show de Talento

5/4-17 - Exámenes Estatales SBAC Empiezan - Grados 3 al 5

¡Por favor estar seguros que su hijo(a) venga a la escuela cada día a tiempo! Se recomienda un buen desayuno.

5/5 - Feria Campamento de Verano - Auditorio

5/6 - Formularios de Informacion de los padres se entregan hoy



Week of April 18

Dear Families:

Wow! The last couple of weeks have been busy! Students enjoyed participating in the 300+ club for jog-a-thon and enjoyed hot chocolate and snacks (thanks to all volunteers who assisted with this event). We also had our jog-a-thon limo ride on Friday to Mulligan's for select students. We all enjoyed the limo ride, miniature golf, & laser tag! It was fun for me to chaperone and be a part of this fun-filled event! Any time I get to spend with the kiddos is a good day! Special thanks to Coach AD and Coach Danny for chaperoning as well.

As I'm visiting classrooms, it's been nice to see students working with their buddy readers. Upper grade students are matched with primary grade students and they read to one another. This is a great opportunity for upper grade students to be role models for the little ones. The students have been working with their buddies all year long and it's great to see the bond between buddies growing and becoming stronger.

Our art classes have been working on some AMAZING projects this year. As I observe the students during art class, I'm so proud of the art skills & talents our students possess! The art work they produce is phenomenal! The PS Arts theme this year has to do with identity and finding your "true colors." After looking at paintings by Kehinde Wiley, students drew self-portraits inspired by historical figures. The primary classes concentrated on their own photograph of movement & rhythm inspired by Gustav Klimt. Students designed their own imaginative brand sneakers, using contour, water color & marker techniques. Currently, students are moving forward together & exploring community identity, through collaboration to create "sound suites" based on Nick Cave, the performance & installation artist.

I'll be continuing lunch with the principal these last 2 months of school. Students enjoy coming to my office to have lunch and play board games, and I must admit, this is the highlight of my day as well! It's a wonderful way for me to get to know the kids a little better and for them to get to know me. And it's a great way for them to feel extra special. Students are randomly picked through a raffle (we put the MAC slips in a basket and draw names). When students are selected, the child will receive an invite via email and a hard copy will go in their backpacks, too. After our lunch date, students will receive a picture of our lunch together to take home and the picture will also be posted in the office for display. Having lunch with the students is the best part of being a principal!

We're in the process of planning for next year. As you know, we don't take teacher requests, but your input is important to us as we make classes for next year. Be sure to complete the parent input sheet and return to the office by May 6.

Save the date for SBAC testing (grades 3-5 ONLY)...May 4-May 20. Testing begins each day at 8:45 am. Grade 5 will take the state science test April 26-27.

Special thanks to our FABULOUS PTA and all who helped organize our annual Comedy Night. What a fun night for all! It was a great way for us enjoy each other's company and be entertained. Comedy Night takes a great deal of time & energy to coordinate. Thank you to all volunteers for making this evening a special event for all!

Check out our lost & found area located by Room 100. It's very full with lots of lost items. We will be donating unclaimed items to Goodwill shortly.

If you have a question or concern regarding your child's education, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. Teachers are always available to meet with you and discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have.

Do you have a question, comment or concern you'd like to share with me? It's important to keep the lines of communication open, and your feedback is important to me. Please feel free to email me at syakich@smmusd.org or make an appointment to meet with me. Please see Raneq, my administrative assistant, to schedule an appointment with me.

Remember, every Friday is school spirit day. Be sure to wear your McKinley shirt or blue and gold to show your school spirit! Also, every Friday is "car free" Fridays. Support healthy living by walking, biking, scooting, skateboarding or roller skating to school.

Sincerely,

Susan Yakich
Principal





McKinley Elementary School



Sustainability & Beautification Committee

Campus Beautification Day

Sunday, April 24, 2016

9am – 1pm

Please bring a hat, gloves, sunscreen, work clothes, water and snacks.
A school liability-insurance form will need to be completed for each volunteer; forms will be at the check-in table.

Children are encouraged to join in!!

Please RSVP to Stephan Corbel stephancorbel@gmail.com

Día de Embellecimiento

Domingo, 24 de Abril, 2016

9am – 1pm

Por favor traer un sombrero, guantes, bloqueador solar, ropa para trabajar, agua y bocadillos.

Es necesario que una forma de la escuela de responsabilidad-seguridad sea completada por cada voluntario;
las formas estarán en la mesa de registración.

Se recomienda que traigan a los niños!!

Por favor hacer su reservación con Stephan Corbel stephancorbel@gmail.com



Student Council Newsletter

McKinley Elementary

Interview with the Principal

When you were young, did you play video games?

“Yes. Of course, at your age, we didn’t have as many available as you do now. My favorites were Pac-Man and Frogger.”

How do you feel about kids unplugging from electronics?

“I think that’s great. I think it’s nice, if you’re at home, to have family time. Talk about your day, and get to know how your parent’s day was and interact with your family. So unplugging every now and then is great. I have to remind myself too, because sometimes I have my phone on 24/7.”

When you were a kid, did you like playing video games more than doing your homework?

“I’m not going to say that homework was the highlight of my day. When I was a kid, what I liked to do first was to go straight home, get my homework done and out of the way so I had the rest of the night to play outside or do something for myself.”

Interview by Maeli Farr and Lucy Letscher ~ Thank you, Principal Yakich!



Photo: students on the new buddy bench!

Buddy Bench

Be a buddy! Make a friend! The Buddy Bench is a bench that student council painted and put out in the big yard. It is a place to make friends, and sit and talk if you need a friend.

~ Skylar V.

SCHOOL WATCH:



STAY SAFE! Speak up if you see kids in danger. Examples:
*playing games like ‘cops & robbers’ or ‘potato & french fries’ OR *jumping off or pushing on the swings OR *tackling on the yard.

~Charlotte Boisvert

Joke Corner:



There were two cooks. One of them asked, “Why did the chicken cross the road?” The other cook replied, “Because you didn’t cook it!” ~ G-Ray

NEWS FROM THE GREEN COMMITTEE

Hello, we are the Student Council Green Committee. We help the school stay healthy and happy. Did you notice the new cafeteria system? Well, we would like to know what you think about it. If there are any fruits and vegetables that you would like to add to the menu, we would be happy to know by dropping a note in the box! We have a food suggestion box that will be in the cafeteria. So please let us know if there is anything you think would improve our school and cafeteria.

~ Aika Hughes

JOGATHON

The Jonathan was on Feb. 26, 2016. There were oranges and water. People were having a lot of fun! The Jogathon is a big fundraiser for McKinley. It is also a fun running experience. We hope you ran a lot to help the school!

~ Artemis



TALENT SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: Friday April 29

Sign-ups: March 14- April 8 (sign-up online OR on the bulletin outside the office)

Coming up is the McKinley Talent Show! Students from pre-K to 5th grade can participate. You will see and hear many outstanding performances. Let's make the most out of 2016 and "shake what your mamma gave you," as Ms. Tula would say. ~ Mikaila

PARADISE ~ BY CHLOE STEVELMAN

Paradise, a land of beauty,
 Paradise, a land of song,
 Paradise, a land of happiness,
 Paradise, now chant along!
 Paradise, where things are good,
 Paradise, just like it should.
 Paradise, though you don't know...
 Paradise, it's covered in snow!





FREE Computer Classes



April 28th 6 p.m.
May 5th 6 p.m.



- English and Spanish.
- FREE - You're invited to Join us!
- 2 classes will be offered -Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Computers will be provided or you can bring your own tablet or laptop.



Introduction to computers.

Computer hardware, Usb memory and sharing files.

McKinley information, links, reports.

Myschoolbucks.

PTA link, support, eblast, general information.

Ten Marks, Lexia and Reflex Math.

Welcome to Google World.

Gmail - Creating our first account.

Using Google Docs and sharing.

Gmail for mobile devices.

Email 101.

Internet security.

*If you have any questions
mckinleyelac@gmail.com or*

*Lily Marquez - lmarquez@smmusd.org
Phone: (310)828-5011 Extension 65-122*



*McKinley Elementary School
Fundraiser*

Thursday April 28th
2:30 to 9:00 pm

***Cold Stone Creamery Santa Monica
1824 Wilshire Blvd (@19th Street)***

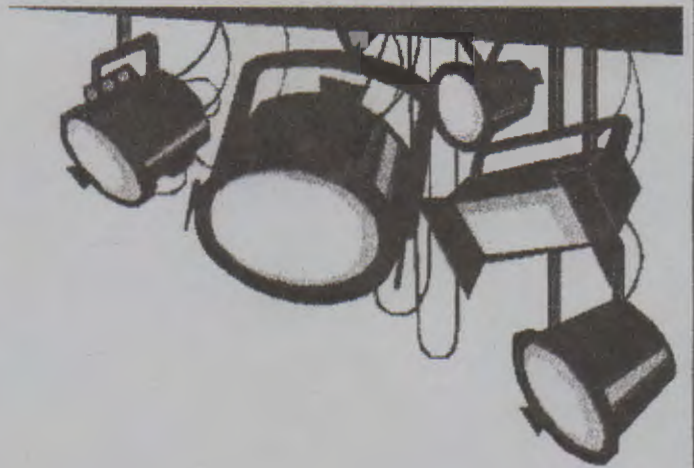
Fundraising Never Tasted So Good!

*The Teachers will be here to mix
your ice cream!!!*



SAVE THE DATE!

The McKinley Talent Show



PERFORMANCE DATE:

FRIDAY, April 29th in the Auditorium

Gr. K-3 at 5:30pm

Gr. 3-5 at 7pm

Reservar la Fecha!

El Show de Talento McKinley



FECHA DE PRESENTACIÓN:

VIERNES, 29 de abril en el auditorio

Gr. K-3 a las 5:30pm

Gr. 3-5 a las 7pm

JOIN US!
SUMMER CAMP & ACTIVITY FAIR



Thursday, May 5th, 2016
8:30–10am in the McKinley Auditorium

PLAN A SUMMER OF FUN! Talk with camps and organizations, including:

**Avant Garde Fencers Club – Brentwood Art Center – Broadway School of
Gymnastics – Cheryl Fudge Fashion Camp – Coastal Kids via SMMUSD
CREST Camps via City of Santa Monica – Crossroads
Dawn Barnes Karate Kids – DoJo2Go – Family Service of Santa Monica
Funky Divas & Dudes – Girl Scouts – Happy Kid Yoga
Hop, Skip, Drive – Kids on Stage – MathNasium – Primetime Sports Camp
reDiscover Center – Sandy Days – Santa Monica Family YMCA
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium – Santa Monica Public Library
Santa Monica School of Dance and Music – Sessions Songwriting
Steve & Kate’s Camp – Summer Adventure via SMMEF
Super Soccer Stars – The Second City – Tumbleweed**

Parking on the yard...Refreshments...Prize drawings

**Note: Participating organizations subject to change.
Drawings at the discretion of each organization, please visit each table for further details.
McKinley PTA does not endorse any organization.**